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# INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY IN TASMANIA.

This table summarizes the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in the following tables of this publication:—

Period.	Employment—Tasmania (a).				Wholesale Trade—Net Sales Recorded Under Sales Tax Acts.	Building Permits, Hobart and Launceston (c).	Railways Gross Revenue.	Bank Clearings, Hobart and Launceston. (Weekly Averages).	P.M.G.'s Department Receipts (e).
	Estimated Total—All Employment.	Total—end of Month (Excluding Rural, Household Domestic and Defence Forces).							
		Males.	Females.	Total.					
					£'000.	£	£	£'000.	£
					(b)	(b)	(d)		(b)
1938-39	....	....	....	....	725	48,320	37,456	881	39,053
1939-40	(f) 53,200	(f) 37,400	(f) 11,600	(f) 49,000	748	54,350	41,239	986	40,225
1940-41	....	....	....	....	840	41,350	46,162	973	40,619
1941-42	(g) 66,462	(g) 38,563	(g) 14,799	(g) 53,362	958	30,861	52,773	1,099	46,231
1942-43	(h) 64,747	(h) 37,487	(h) 15,760	(h) 53,247	1,034	6,590	64,820	1,186	50,697
1943-44	(i) 61,619	(i) 36,895	(i) 16,194	(i) 53,089	977	7,265	67,006	1,367	55,350
1944-45	....	....	....	....	960	12,252	69,236	1,494	58,582
1943-44—		(j)	(j)	(j)					
November	....	37,695	17,160	54,855	900	26,958	60,927	1,350	47,720
December	....	37,911	16,660	54,571	874	2,522	73,241	1,143	57,393
January	....	37,784	16,619	54,403	810	3,296	66,119	1,454	54,356
February	....	38,411	16,982	55,393	888	4,391	67,938	1,220	56,018
March	....	38,625	17,139	55,764	847	2,963	70,843	1,258	58,006
April	....	38,829	17,192	56,021	872	8,836	71,090	1,518	49,502
May	....	38,787	16,970	55,757	1,098	8,329	68,464	1,726	59,818
June	....	38,923	16,947	55,870	1,099	7,765	69,903	1,500	54,248
1944-45—									
July	....	38,708	16,880	55,588	1,173	13,039	56,690	1,604	56,292
August	....	39,093	17,046	56,139	1,028	11,697	64,464	1,413	60,167
September	....	38,923	16,908	55,831	1,055	8,076	67,322	1,472	56,673
October	....	38,484	16,639	55,123	842	17,101	66,587	1,554	60,137
November	....	38,677	16,599	55,276	886	6,575	63,420	1,297	54,569
December	....	39,112	16,698	55,810	845	12,171	78,148	1,343	55,863
January	....	39,415	16,746	56,161	867	18,204	64,587	1,569	63,412
February	....	39,912	16,796	56,708	810	11,446	74,090	1,325	62,962
March	....	40,357	17,134	57,491	864	8,722	69,774	1,471	56,311
April	....	40,313	17,236	57,549	827	16,260	75,660	1,708	57,709
May	....	40,685	17,131	57,816	1,124	15,222	69,749	1,508	60,490
June	....	40,555	17,163	57,718	1,113	8,516	75,310	1,599	58,396
1945-46—									
July	....	40,675	17,111	57,786	915	21,482	62,839	1,773	62,050
August	....	40,303	17,036	57,339	1,144	26,543	68,502	1,435	61,459
September	....	40,305	16,729	57,034	875	42,229	69,819	1,576	57,827
October	....	40,245	16,624	56,869	998	39,568	75,353	1,723	69,697
November	....	40,376	16,665	57,041	1,142	50,464	73,646	1,692	54,822
December	....	(k)	(k)	(k)	1,123	26,522	77,911	1,584	53,087

- (a) Wage and salary earners in employment, excluding employees in the Defence Forces at home and abroad.  
 (b) Monthly averages.  
 (c) Excludes Government buildings.  
 (d) Four-weekly averages.  
 (e) Actual collections.

- (f) July, 1939, National Register.  
 (g) July, 1941.  
 (h) June, 1942.  
 (i) June, 1943, Civilian Register.  
 (j) Subject to revision.  
 (k) Not available.

# TASMANIA: WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVIL EMPLOYMENT.

Month.	Total Employment (a) (excluding Rural, Household Domestic, and Defence Forces).			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Governmental Authorities.	Private Employers. (b)	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories. (c)	Allied Works Council Projects.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Service (d).
MALES.										
1941—										
July .....	10,182	28,381	38,563	2,902	12,284	....	5,685	3,042	2,900	4,060
November .....	10,459	28,895	39,354	2,785	12,316	....	6,048	3,036	2,819	4,076
1942—										
July .....	10,136	27,254	37,390	2,570	12,876	1,019	5,563	2,451	2,469	3,683
1943—										
June .....	10,300	26,581	36,881	2,576	13,977	249	5,870	2,237	2,454	3,540
August .....	10,087	27,018	37,105	2,547	13,730	171	5,870	2,310	2,351	3,583
December .....	9,615	28,296	37,911	2,676	14,124	92	5,767	2,374	2,431	3,654
1944—										
September .....	9,410	29,513	38,923	2,649	14,190	70	6,153	2,454	2,396	3,941
October .....	9,418	29,066	38,484	2,640	13,812	213	6,099	2,463	2,414	3,938
November .....	9,451	29,226	38,677	2,584	13,826	373	6,168	2,510	2,449	3,943
1945—										
September .....	10,858	29,447	40,305	2,458	13,678	561	6,674	2,690	2,678	4,198
October .....	10,715	29,530	40,245	2,429	13,424	537	6,731	2,712	2,668	4,172
November .....	10,486	29,890	40,376	2,388	13,407	157	6,572	2,817	2,791	4,314
FEMALES.										
1941—										
July .....	2,297	12,502	14,799	12	3,957	....	896	3,271	1,027	4,974
November .....	2,346	12,368	14,714	13	3,596	....	895	3,386	993	5,018
1942—										
July .....	2,858	12,898	15,756	29	4,351	....	881	3,416	1,233	5,065
1943—										
June .....	3,237	12,984	16,221	25	4,954	....	988	3,045	1,253	5,046
August .....	3,216	13,587	16,803	34	4,907	....	958	3,229	1,292	5,406
December .....	3,675	12,985	16,660	34	5,108	....	1,002	3,069	1,211	5,287
1944—										
September .....	3,397	13,511	16,908	37	4,785	....	1,035	3,095	1,183	5,527
October .....	3,369	13,270	16,639	35	4,465	....	1,012	3,115	1,223	5,548
November .....	3,265	13,334	16,599	36	4,394	....	1,028	3,167	1,184	5,553
1945—										
September .....	3,453	13,276	16,729	35	3,955	....	1,055	3,306	1,282	5,773
October .....	3,413	13,211	16,624	34	3,778	....	1,065	3,360	1,285	5,785
November .....	3,364	13,301	16,665	34	3,647	....	1,055	3,458	1,257	5,903
PERSONS.										
1941—										
July .....	12,479	40,883	53,362	2,914	16,241	....	6,581	6,313	3,927	9,034
November .....	12,805	41,263	54,068	2,798	15,912	....	6,943	6,422	3,812	9,094
1942—										
July .....	12,994	40,152	53,146	2,599	17,227	1,019	6,444	5,867	3,702	8,748
1943—										
June .....	13,537	39,565	53,102	2,601	18,931	249	6,858	5,282	3,707	8,586
August .....	13,303	40,605	53,908	2,581	18,637	171	6,828	5,539	3,643	8,989
December .....	13,290	41,281	54,571	2,710	19,232	92	6,769	5,443	3,642	8,941
1944—										
September .....	12,807	43,024	55,831	2,686	18,975	70	7,188	5,549	3,579	9,468
October .....	12,787	42,336	55,123	2,675	18,277	213	7,111	5,578	3,637	9,486
November .....	12,716	42,560	55,276	2,620	18,220	373	7,196	5,677	3,633	9,496
1945—										
September .....	14,311	42,723	57,034	2,493	17,633	561	7,729	5,996	3,960	9,971
October .....	14,128	42,741	56,869	2,463	17,202	537	7,796	6,072	3,953	9,957
November .....	13,850	43,191	57,041	2,422	17,054	157	7,627	6,275	4,048	10,217

(a) Based on Pay-roll tax returns and records of Government employment; excludes all employees in Defence Forces.

(b) The estimated numbers of males in private employment in 1944 and 1945 may exclude some employees engaged on smaller buildings (houses, &c.) and in alterations and repairs to buildings.

(c) From July, 1944, monthly figures are estimates, subject to revision.

(d) Includes Education, Health, Hotels and Restaurants, Professional and Personal Services (except female private domestic).



# TASMANIAN IMPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.	Food and Drink.	Tobacco. (Inc. Cigars & Cigarettes.)	Chemicals, Drugs, and Fertilizers.	Drapery, Clothing, & Textiles.	Metals, Metal Manufactures & Machinery.	Oils.	Ores.	Wool.	Total Imports.
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1938-39 .....	2,266	479	419	1,793	3,351	443	318	234	11,502
1939-40 .....	2,629	473	468	2,017	3,273	576	334	308	12,484
1940-41 .....	3,038	472	487	1,806	2,668	399	328	370	12,120
1941-42 .....	2,946	598	590	1,893	3,061	548	413	686	13,192
1942-43 .....	3,031	859	615	1,887	3,605	579	649	725	14,382
1943-44 .....	2,734	928	683	1,945	3,789	565	689	687	14,391
1944-45 .....	2,731	962	776	2,215	3,666	582	685	812	14,811
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1944-45—									
July .....	227	66	59	159	270	28	86	38	1,122
August .....	152	81	69	165	309	49	30	30	1,031
September .....	264	58	68	170	280	114	44	51	1,284
October .....	275	99	90	205	429	13	44	45	1,410
November .....	234	86	60	161	261	53	57	79	1,198
December .....	195	95	55	168	320	53	1	33	1,117
January .....	280	95	69	159	280	43	106	110	1,372
February .....	239	78	42	197	275	28	75	180	1,267
March .....	164	76	41	229	353	61	65	27	1,219
April .....	349	74	70	208	297	23	55	66	1,401
May .....	183	79	95	197	291	55	78	33	1,179
June .....	169	75	58	197	301	62	44	120	1,211

# TASMANIAN EXPORTS (OVERSEAS AND INTERSTATE) OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL GROUPS.

£'000 Australian Currency.

Period.	Fresh Fruit. (All Kinds.)	Potatoes.	Other Food and Drink.	Copper.	Zinc.	Other Metals and Ores.	Timber.	Woollen Manufactures.	Total Exports.
ANNUAL TOTALS.									
1938-39 .....	1,529	974	2,504	568	1,368	763	571	922	12,233
1939-40 .....	1,135	779	2,631	708	1,428	1,130	619	1,337	12,903
1940-41 .....	481	581	2,855	737	1,433	1,071	779	2,163	13,586
1941-42 .....	704	812	3,106	893	1,553	1,182	781	2,729	16,156
1942-43 .....	522	956	3,065	1,109	1,421	1,276	836	2,391	16,225
1943-44 .....	646	1,631	4,199	823	1,607	1,041	812	2,628	18,793
1944-45 .....	663	1,834	5,345	713	1,897	1,269	621	2,887	20,885
MONTHLY TOTALS.									
1944-45—									
July .....	72	155	421	47	112	70	57	242	1,989
August .....	23	190	344	19	163	123	52	205	1,865
September .....	17	206	361	86	153	89	49	336	1,631
October .....	70	69	502	76	236	58	37	179	1,556
November .....	12	28	521	101	94	157	57	406	1,743
December .....	...	29	280	95	24	215	55	278	1,325
January .....	1	153	368	...	158	101	62	143	1,444
February .....	15	292	513	100	222	122	39	242	1,944
March .....	75	227	415	99	122	100	58	88	1,500
April .....	184	85	504	...	186	87	61	258	1,821
May .....	86	186	622	90	178	83	45	96	1,909
June .....	108	214	494	...	249	64	49	414	2,158

# RETAIL PRICE AND WAGE RATE INDEXES: HOBART.

Period.	Retail Price Indexes—Hobart(a).					Common-wealth(b) Metropolitan Basic Wage(c).	Wage Rate Indexes, Hobart(a).	
	Food and Groceries.	Rent, Four & Five Roomed Houses.	Clothing.	Miscellaneous.	All Items, "C" Series.		Nominal Weekly Wage, Adult Males.	"Real" Weekly Wage(f).
1938-39 .....	1031	992	1040	971	1012	77/-(d)	987	975
1939-40 .....	1062	1004	1084	994	1038	78/-(d)	1005	968
1940-41 .....	1102	1008	1274	1030	1100	84/-(d)	1049	954
1941-42 .....	1143	1008	1474	1085	1166	88/-(d)	1124	964
1942-43 .....	1217	1006	1699	1136	1248	94/-(d)	1212	971
1943-44 .....	1198	1005	1751	1150	1254	94/-(d)	1290	1029
1944-45 .....	1185	1008	1738	1146	1245	93/-(d)	1296	1041
1944—								
September Quarter	1195	1006	1752	1146	1252	93/-	1291	1031
December Quarter	1189	1008	1741	1145	1247	94/-	1299	1042
1945—								
March Quarter	1173	1008	1741	1147	1242	94/-	1298	1045
June Quarter	1181	1008	1718	1146	1239	93/-	1296	1046
September Quarter	1206	1008	1714	1146	1248	93/-	1297	1039
December Quarter	1216	1009	1769	1145	1263	94/-(e)	(g)	(g)
Increase per cent from 1938-39 .....	17.9	1.7	70.1	17.9	24.8	22.1	31.4	6.6

(a) Base: Weighted average, six capitals, three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) No State basic wage declared; Commonwealth rates followed to a large extent.

(c) "Needs" Basic Wage plus "Prosperity Loading" of 4s.

(d) Payable as from 1st May.

(e) Payable as from 1st November.

(f) Index of nominal weekly rates for adult males divided by "C" Series index of retail prices.

(g) Not available.

## AUSTRALIAN WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES AND RETAIL PRICES INDEX OF FOUR TASMANIAN TOWNS.

Period.	Wholesale Prices Indexes of Basic Materials and Foodstuffs(a).			Retail Prices Index (All Items "C" Series), Four Tasmanian Country Towns(a).				
	Goods Principally Imported(b).	Goods Principally Home- Produced.	All Groups.	Launceston.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Queenstown.	Weighted Average, Four Towns.
1938-39 .....	991	1020	1011	994	982	963	1006	990
1939-40 .....	1106	1025	1047	1015	1005	982	1030	1012
1940-41 .....	1325	1060	1140	1077	1071	1048	1091	1075
1941-42 .....	1525	1123	1242	1127	1122	1100	1136	1124
1942-43 .....	1760	1212	1373	1210	1208	1176	1218	1202
1943-44 .....	1824	1217	1396	1210	1217	1183	1236	1210
1944-45 .....	1819	1231	1403	1204	1194	1174	1248	1203
1944-45—								
October	1821	1221	1397	1203	1194	1175	1250	1203
November	1831	1217	1398					
December	1834	1216	1398					
January	1822	1217	1396	1200	1188	1170	1245	1199
February	1830	1225	1404					
March	1824	1235	1408					
April	1835	1245	1419	1203	1190	1171	1247	1202
May	1795	1249	1410					
June	1790	1261	1417					
1945-46—								
July	1793	1262	1418	1210	1201	1179	1254	1209
August	1797	1262	1419					
September	1791	1259	1416					
October	1802	1250	1413	1224	1218	1195	1261	1222
November	1779	1248	1405					
December	(c)	(c)	(c)					

(a) Base: Average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(b) This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

(c) Not available.



# BUILDING PERMITS: TASMANIA.

Period.	Private Buildings.				Government Buildings, Including Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	New Dwellings.		Other, Including Alterations and Additions.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
		£		£		£		£
<b>HOBART.</b>								
ANNUAL TOTALS.								
1938-39 .....	208	209,753	274	175,981	9	146,279	491	532,013
1939-40 .....	203	201,029	191	210,223	11	35,088	405	446,340
1940-41 .....	230	238,824	197	94,610	5	16,863	432	350,297
1941-42 .....	143	168,138	119	76,822	7	24,888	269	269,848
1942-43 .....	11	6,071	90	21,274	9	31,917	110	59,262
1943-44 .....	14	7,499	138	46,566	5	3,467	157	57,532
1944-45 .....	31	29,028	213	55,259	12	74,211	256	158,498
MONTHLY TOTALS.								
1944-45—								
June .....	4	1,570	15	1,398	...	...	19	2,968
1945-46—								
July .....	5	5,654	13	8,443	1	154	19	14,251
August .....	12	13,642	20	4,826	...	...	32	18,468
September .....	16	16,215	25	5,932	...	...	41	22,147
October .....	12	13,752	23	10,229	...	...	35	23,981
November .....	12	13,723	22	23,810	1	2,900	35	40,433
December .....	13	15,330	10	1,564	...	...	23	16,894
<b>LAUNCESTON.</b>								
ANNUAL TOTALS.								
1938-39 .....	174	128,751	295	65,357	1	2,148	470	196,256
1939-40 .....	203	148,959	296	91,990	9	111,831	508	352,780
1940-41 .....	143	106,436	258	56,330	3	5,373	404	168,139
1941-42 .....	109	87,459	180	37,910	5	6,145	294	131,514
1942-43 .....	25	13,925	152	37,815	4	6,888	181	58,628
1943-44 .....	21	10,250	233	22,867	5	3,670	259	36,787
1944-45 .....	52	36,169	232	26,574	11	26,208	295	88,951
MONTHLY TOTALS.								
1944-45—								
June .....	...	...	17	5,548	...	...	17	5,548
1945-46—								
July .....	7	5,257	18	1,974	...	...	25	7,231
August .....	7	6,247	30	1,828	1	500	38	8,575
September .....	18	18,421	22	1,661	1	8,000	41	28,082
October .....	13	12,843	32	2,744	...	...	45	15,587
November .....	9	9,533	30	3,398	1	3,420	40	16,351
December .....	8	8,390	21	1,238	1	2,140	30	11,768

NOTE.—Since December, 1940, various controls have been placed over construction of new buildings and additions and alterations to buildings. Until the cessation of hostilities with Japan a permit from the Department of War Organisation of Industry was required for new buildings or alterations in excess of £25. Since 31st August, 1945, construction of new dwellings up to £1200 and housing repairs to £150 in value in any financial year can be effected without a permit from the Department of Works and Housing.

The permits shown above relate to building permits issued by local government authorities and not to approvals granted under Government Building Control Regulations.

## GOVERNMENT HOUSING PROGRAMME.

The progress of the Government Housing Programme in Tasmania since its inception on 1st April, 1944, is illustrated by the following figures supplied by the Agricultural Bank, which is administering the scheme:—

Date.	Number of Houses Completed or in Course of Construction (a).						Quota (a) for Tasmania.	Percentage of Quota Completed or Commenced.	No. of Houses Completed. Tasmania.
	Hobart & Suburbs.	Launceston & Suburbs.	Burnie.	Devonport.	Somerset.	Tasmania.			
At 30th June, 1945 .....	114	18	...	10	6	148	280	52.9	42
At 30th Sept., 1945 .....	193	48	15	29	6	291	350	83.1	63
At 31st Dec., 1945 .....	246	78	25	29	6	384	435	88.3	90
At 31st Jan., 1946 .....	246	78	25	29	6	384	435	(b)	102

(a) Since 1st April, 1944, from when first quota dated. (b) Not available.

# MISCELLANEOUS INDEXES OF TASMANIAN PRODUCTIVE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Paper Pulp (a).	Electricity for all Pur- poses except Traction.	Dairy Factory Production.		Metals.		
			Butter.	Cheese.	Copper.	Zinc.	Gold.
	Tons.	'000 K.W.H.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	(b)	Fine Ozs.
MONTHLY AVERAGES.							
1938-39 .....	332	47,026	338·8	118·3	1,056	999	1,747
1939-40 .....	1,183	51,237	346·3	116·2	1,108	1,042	1,605
1940-41 .....	1,705	54,615	302·7	106·7	979	1,079	1,650
1941-42 .....	3,268	60,235	299·8	114·2	952	1,083	1,591
1942-43 .....	3,062	63,102	282·4	83·3	954	1,102	1,521
1943-44 .....	3,089	65,913	272·5	87·6	923	1,153	1,394
1944-45 .....	2,921	65,794	(f) 303·6	(f) 93·5	702	1,135	1,199
MONTHLY TOTALS.							
1944-45—September ....	2,667	68,773	222·8	59·7	725	1,217	(c) 1,519
October .....	2,957	64,309	468·4	118·5	1,114	1,187	(d) 1,182
November .....	2,955	52,476	578·8	155·1	771	437	
December .....	2,170	62,272	581·2	164·3	624	1,143	
1945-46—September ....	3,246	71,356	231·0	58·3	620	1,222	(e) 1,190
October .....	3,428	71,084	477·3	111·2	671	1,236	(e)
November .....	3,212	60,180	598·6	153·5	640	1,029	
December .....	1,905	58,454	545·3	157·7	441	1,090	

(a) Ground wood pulp and chemical pulp; figures to be used as an index of production only.

(b) Index of production; average three years ended June, 1939 = 1000.

(c) Monthly average for September quarter.

(d) Monthly average for December quarter.

(e) Not available.

(f) Subject to revision.

## TASMANIAN STATE RAILWAYS; MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

Period.	State Railways.					Motor Vehicles on Register at End of Period (c).			New Motor-Vehicles Registered During Period (c).
	Gross Revenue.	Working Costs (excluding Interest).	Train Miles Run.	Passenger Journeys.	Goods and Livestock Carried.	Motor-Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, &c.	Motor-Cycles.	
	£	£	Daily Average.	Daily Average.	Tons.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1938-39 .....	(a) 37,456	(a) 52,130	5,223	6,292	64,885	17,668	5,036	3,656	3,060
1939-40 .....	41,239	52,878	5,640	6,591	67,631	17,598	5,235	3,351	2,116
1940-41 .....	46,162	58,544	5,938	7,650	73,502	17,337	5,458	3,179	1,002
1941-42 .....	52,773	65,709	5,963	8,618	78,735	14,183	5,367	2,240	293
1942-43 .....	64,820	74,188	6,075	9,106	75,506	15,834	5,503	2,450	164
1943-44 .....	67,006	87,415	5,971	8,554	75,217	16,715	6,236	2,579	551
1944-45 .....	69,236	77,423	6,031	8,933	71,079	17,043	6,862	2,814	(e) 357
1944-45—Aug. ....	(b) 64,464	(b) 75,865	6,005	7,622	75,961	16,843	6,346	2,586	44
Sept. ....	67,322	71,304	5,977	7,598	77,469	16,779	6,352	2,590	44
Oct. ....	66,587	75,824	5,898	10,696	77,512	16,889	6,417	2,608	30
Nov. ....	63,420	67,522	5,923	7,312	70,816	17,153	6,558	2,623	22
Dec. ....	78,148	82,908	6,209	10,654	76,541	16,923	6,523	2,612	27
1945-46—Aug. ....	68,502	82,650	6,223	7,463	69,963	17,073	6,983	2,904	30
Sept. ....	69,819	82,864	6,093	11,197	72,973	17,083	7,040	2,925	17
Oct. ....	75,353	82,932	6,283	8,988	72,281	17,213	7,147	2,954	29
Nov. ....	73,646	84,322	6,224	8,179	71,906	17,229	7,184	2,999	31
Dec. ....	77,911	81,186	6,200	9,053	73,469	17,150	7,215	3,043	(d) 39

(a) Four-weekly averages.

(b) Four-weekly periods.

(c) Excluding Defence Service vehicles.

(d) Motor-cars 6; commercial vehicles 33.

(e) Revised.



# CONSOLIDATED REVENUE AND BANKING STATISTICS—TASMANIA.

Period.	Consolidated Revenue.		Trading Banks. (Including Commonwealth Bank.)		Bank Clearings— Weekly Averages (c).		Savings Banks Deposits (d).		War Savings Certificates— Net Amounts Subscribed. (e)
	Receipts.	Expenditure.	Deposits (b).	Advances (b).	Hobart.	Launceston.	Hobart and Launceston Savings Banks.	Total (including Common- wealth Savings Bank).	
	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£
1938-39 .....	3,615	3,641	10,045	4,648	623	258	6,038	8,396	...
1939-40 .....	3,055	3,053	10,068	4,872	697	289	6,220	8,518	92,602
1940-41 .....	2,922	3,103	10,281	4,612	672	301	6,518	8,941	469,131
1941-42 .....	3,359	3,357	(f) 11,180	4,052	731	368	6,767	9,472	744,146
1942-43 .....	3,290	3,400	13,528	3,644	813	373	7,632	11,174	971,531
1943-44 .....	3,499	3,469	16,221	3,570	943	424	9,399	14,213	1,111,922
1944-45 .....	3,656	3,675	18,412	3,456	1,032	462	10,907	16,914	1,254,804
1944-45—Sept. ....	317	297	(g) 16,418	3,641	1,021	451	9,948	15,106	1,146,654
Oct. ....	233	315	(h) 17,015	(h) 3,562	1,093	461	9,991	15,199	1,160,143
Nov. ....	273	447			908	389	10,088	15,357	1,179,150
Dec. ....	318	477			951	392	10,186	15,537	1,186,845
1945-46—Sept. ....	319	275	(i) 16,011	(i) 3,416	1,110	466	11,475	17,871	1,273,427
Oct. ....	281	331	16,198	3,480	1,187	536	11,529	18,027	1,273,817
Nov. ....	264	289	16,618	3,499	1,211	481	11,739	18,476	1,277,807
Dec. ....	(a) 285	(a) 479	17,303	3,488	1,110	474	11,900	18,862	1,277,276

(a) Deficit for six months ended December, 1945, £194,805, compared with a deficit of £380,996 for the corresponding period in 1944-45. The estimated Budget deficit for 1945-46 is £442,495.

(b) Average for quarter or month.

(c) Figures not exhaustive as cheques deposited in banks on which they are drawn are not included.

(d) At end of period.

(e) Net amounts subscribed at end of each period.

(f) June quarter.

(g) September quarter.

(h) December quarter.

(i) Monthly figures available as from September, 1945.

## INTEREST RATES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Commonwealth Government Securities.		Mortgage Rate on Hobart Savings Bank Advances.	Treasury Bills.	Hobart Savings Bank Deposits.	Trading Banks: Interest on Fixed Deposits.			
	Taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.					3 Months.	6 Months.	12 Months.	24 Months.
	Short Dated, 2 Years. (a)	Long Dated, 12 Years. (a)							
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
1938-39 .....	....	....	4.25	1.75	3.00	2.00	2.50	2.75	3.00
1939-40 .....	....	....	4.25	1.71	3.00	1.90	2.40	2.60	2.90
1940-41 .....	....	....	4.25	1.50	2.75	1.50	2.00	2.25	2.50
1941-42 .....	2.40	3.24	4.25	1.50	2.25	1.43	1.73	1.98	2.23
1942-43 .....	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.50	2.25	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00
1943-44 .....	2.45	3.24	4.00	1.34	2.25	1.13	1.39	1.64	2.00
1944-45 .....	2.47	3.25	4.00	1.17	2.25	0.55	0.80	1.28	1.78
1944-45—									
December .....	2.49	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
January .....	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
February .....	2.46	3.25	4.00	1.25	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
March .....	2.48	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
April .....	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
May .....	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
June .....	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
1945-46—									
July .....	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
August .....	2.49	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
September .....	2.48	3.25	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
October .....	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
November .....	2.48	3.24	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75
December .....	2.43	3.24	4.00	1.00	2.25	0.50	0.75	1.00	(b) 1.50

(a) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0.5 years and 10 or more years respectively.

(b) 1.50 per cent on first £10,000; 1.00 per cent on the amount in excess of £10,000.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSACTIONS—TASMANIA.**  
(Registered under Real Property Act and Registration of Deeds Act.)

Month.	Total Consideration of Property Sales.			Amount of Mortgages.					
				Registered.			Discharged.		
	1939.	1944.	1945.	1939.	1944.	1945.	1939.	1944.	1945.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
January .....	82,234	153,685	156,398	157,620	105,397	66,101	44,457	72,134	112,084
February .....	143,738	168,264	184,818	126,995	179,025	61,920	64,095	125,572	103,890
March .....	283,934	204,535	210,548	196,745	56,877	79,709	110,246	123,037	108,988
April .....	160,717	154,746	151,108	108,259	64,685	59,920	72,178	86,638	66,468
May .....	311,231	173,860	223,477	201,036	69,069	96,197	175,359	124,415	141,306
June .....	231,155	168,913	204,364	151,425	79,909	99,059	104,180	81,428	128,386
July .....	190,696	202,074	260,588	195,509	135,072	150,725	116,691	135,873	122,588
August .....	298,731	213,368	220,030	213,837	73,578	127,882	126,336	101,749	141,524
September .....	271,609	188,278	219,297	162,223	93,318	97,531	136,906	73,354	111,855
October .....	198,112	121,531	269,082	174,826	54,716	139,656	77,829	109,363	119,656
November .....	172,051	197,843	254,187	139,186	67,740	125,912	89,105	97,594	110,236
December .....	125,567	151,134	261,627	98,026	58,282	143,393	42,003	99,356	108,031
<b>Year .....</b>	<b>£2,469,775</b>	<b>£2,098,231</b>	<b>£2,615,524</b>	<b>£1,925,687</b>	<b>£1,037,668</b>	<b>£1,248,005</b>	<b>£1,159,385</b>	<b>£1,230,513</b>	<b>£1,375,012</b>

**POST-OFFICE ACTIVITY—TASMANIA.**

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department (a).	Broadcast Listeners' Licences in Force at end of Period.	Telephone Services Connected at End of Period.	
			Lines.	Instruments.
	£	No.	No.	No.
1938-39 .....	Monthly Averages. 39,053	39,392	14,144	18,013
1939-40 .....	40,225	42,182	14,695	18,882
1940-41 .....	40,619	44,716	15,190	19,565
1941-42 .....	46,231	46,404	15,443	20,171
1942-43 .....	50,697	(b) 49,910	15,702	20,690
1943-44 .....	55,350	50,356	16,106	21,204
1944-45 .....	58,582	50,557	16,926	22,135
1944-45—	Monthly Totals.			
December .....	55,863	50,058	16,387	21,498
January .....	63,412	50,319	16,481	21,599
February .....	62,962	50,263	16,587	21,713
March .....	56,311	50,163	16,635	21,766
April .....	57,709	50,831	16,762	21,914
May .....	60,490	50,706	16,834	22,002
June .....	58,396	50,557	16,926	22,135
1945-46—				
July .....	62,050	50,813	16,993	22,233
August .....	61,459	50,668	17,134	22,419
September .....	57,827	50,259	17,190	22,488
October .....	69,697	50,505	17,286	22,628
November .....	54,822	50,803	17,334	22,695
December .....	53,087	50,720	17,358	22,730

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Since July, 1942, licences for receivers in excess of one are included.



# RAINFALL OF TASMANIA IN DISTRICTS.

Index showing Ratio of Actual to Normal(a) Rainfall for each Month.

Month.	Agriculture, Dairying, and Mixed Farming.		Grazing (mainly Sheep).		Orcharding and Mixed Farming.		Dairy Farming.	Mining.
	Northern.	King Is.	Central Plateau.	Midlands.	Derwent Valley.	South-East.	East Coast.	West Coast.
1944—								
July .....	134	108	150	205	89	61	155	110
August .....	41	35	50	40	56	55	59	67
September .....	74	63	91	83	102	124	85	123
October .....	94	130	115	100	133	137	82	87
November .....	92	129	90	57	100	81	122	138
December .....	164	160	141	132	59	123	101	130
1945—								
January .....	128	65	125	160	145	149	192	91
February .....	251	146	118	158	96	89	266	164
March .....	34	70	88	41	86	61	51	223
April .....	22	32	12	23	15	24	27	51
May .....	52	67	57	44	48	33	42	58
June .....	125	110	68	62	61	45	70	99
July .....	77	90	70	49	44	58	33	100
August .....	167	146	148	143	160	160	153	152
September .....	83	74	83	34	61	111	55	129
October .....	58	178	67	36	68	61	46	135
November .....	69	155	87	35	65	61	67	91
December .....	43	52	46	58	57	53	62	60

(a) Normal rainfall for each month (represented by 100) is the average since records were first taken (i.e., since about 1905 for all districts).

## SEASONAL CONDITIONS—TASMANIA.

During December the continued lack of rain in all districts has had a further detrimental effect on crops, particularly the late sown ones. Harvesting results to date indicate fairly generally poor to light yields, and in some districts failures have been reported. Many vegetable crops are backward and at many places in the East and South East sowings have been delayed. Orchards under irrigation in the South East are faring better. Pastures are generally dry, and stock is in fair to poor condition everywhere but in the North district. Good soaking rains are urgently required.

In the *Northern* district crops are drying off through lack of rain. Most hay yields are light, but the fruit crops are fairly good. Stock is in fair to good condition with dry feed available. Rain is needed. In the *East Coast* district crops are fair to poor, with grubs proving troublesome. Vegetables are backward and rain is required for further sowings. Stock is generally fair to poor, and further losses were experienced. Pastures are very bare and dry while many water holes are empty. Many bush fires were in evidence. In the *Midland* division stock and crops are very poor as a result of the dry season. Grass grubs are bad and are affecting pastures. There were many bush fires. In the *South East* stock and crops are likewise poor to light with pastures dry and scarce. Rivers, creeks and waterholes are very low. In the *Derwent Valley* crops are also poor to light. Hops and fruit under irrigation are growing well. Stock in parts of the south west are good, but elsewhere fair to poor. Feed is dry and scarce with grass grubs troublesome. On *King Island* stock is in fair to good condition but the dry month has adversely affected pastures and water supplies.

## REHABILITATION—TASMANIA.

Period.	Placement in Industry of Discharged Males.								
	Dairying.	Other Rural.	Food Factories.	Other Factories.	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Commerce and Finance.	Other Industries.	Industry not Applicable. (a)
1945—									
June .....	6	28	4	29	15	21	30	17	60
July .....	4	23	4	40	36	23	42	25	40
August .....	6	28	10	64	48	27	54	59	51
September .....	3	59	17	82	84	57	88	64	137
October .....	7	108	32	247	169	105	143	137	208
June to Oct. ....	26	246	67	462	352	233	357	302	496
November .....	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)
December .....	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)	(b)

(a) Mainly entering full-time industrial training or deferring immediate placement at own request.

(b) Not available.

NOTE.—The following females also were discharged—June, 16; July, 24; August, 28; September, 47; October, 65.

# GENERAL STATISTICS.

## Retail Price Index Numbers.

Town.	All Items ("C" Series) Index Numbers. Base: Weighted Average, Six Capitals, 1923-27 = 1000.				All Items ("Court" Series) Index Numbers. Base: Weighted Average, Six Capitals, 1923-27 = 81·0.			
	December Quarter, 1944.	June Quarter, 1945.	September Quarter, 1945.	December Quarter, 1945.	December Quarter, 1944.	June Quarter, 1945.	September Quarter, 1945.	December Quarter, 1945.
Hobart .....	1,106	1,099	1,107	1,120	89·5	89·0	89·6	90·7
Launceston .....	1,067	1,067	1,073	1,085	86·4	86·4	86·9	87·8
Burnie .....	1,059	1,055	1,065	1,080	85·7	85·4	86·2	87·4
Devonport .....	1,042	1,038	1,045	1,060	84·4	84·0	84·6	85·8
Queenstown .....	1,108	1,106	1,112	1,118	89·7	89·5	90·0	90·5
Weighted average, five towns .....	1,089	1,085	1,092	1,105	88·2	87·8	88·4	89·5
Weighted average, four country towns .....	1,067	1,066	1,072	1,084	86·4	86·3	86·8	87·8

NOTE.—The "Court" series was created by Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration in 1937 to remove any impression that the Commonwealth Statistician was in some way responsible for the fixation and adjustment of wage-rates. It is at present based on the Commonwealth Statistician's "C" series index and equated in such a way that it expresses in shillings the "needs" basic wage as fixed by the Court—provided that any decimal point of .5 or over is regarded as the next higher number of shillings. A special "loading" of 4/- for Hobart and the provincial towns of Tasmania must be added to arrive at the actual basic wage.

## Insurance (other than Life)—Tasmania.

Heading.	1938-39.	1941-42.	1942-43.	1943-44.	1944-45.
	£	£	£	£	£
Premiums .....	457,109	493,599	487,407	487,364	523,060
Losses .....	204,315	168,652	188,778	148,186	178,392
Expenses .....	188,012	218,041	235,747	236,442	257,308
Trading Profit .....	64,782	106,906	62,882	102,736	87,360
Ratio to Premium Income of—	%	%	%	%	%
Losses .....	44·7	34·2	38·7	30·4	34·1
Expenses .....	41·1	44·2	48·4	48·5	49·2
Trading Profit .....	14·2	21·6	12·9	21·1	16·7